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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils who took their MOCK SATs this week. We run this week like the real SATS in May so they feel comfortable with the routines and expectations that are set out. They all worked so hard and I know the staffing team will now use this information to plan for that last push into May. Next week, our Year 2 will also have their MOCK SATs week so please

make sure they have a good nights sleep, healthy breakfast each morning and are in school every day on time.

Also next week, our Year 5 children are off on their residential trip focused on the Alex Rider books. They will take part in 'Spy Camp' cracking codes and discovering mysteries along the way! I can't wait to see the pictures of their team adventures.

You will see in the newsletter that we are asking you to keep voting for the Asda Green tokens using the link to support our school with funding our music provision and our wonderful Helping Hands Team have set an Easter competition so let your child's imagine go wild! Prizes for the most egg-cellent entries!

A reminder that we finish at 1.00pm for the whole school on Friday 8th April so families can start their Easter break. The staffing team will be working on planning for the children's learning for the Summer Term.

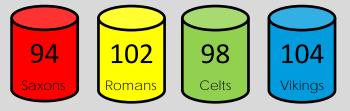
Have a lovely and safe weekend, Mrs Dyer



Office@nineacrespri.co.uk Should you wish to contact us at the weekend or throughout any holiday period regarding a positive COVID-19 case, please email <u>BOTH</u> of the above email addresses.

<u>House Points</u>

Well done to VIKINGS who received the most House Points for this week!



Mental Lealth at Nine Agres

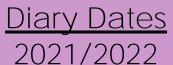
Our Mental Health Mission Statement

We believe having a mentally healthy community is not about being happy all the time, but about working together through the challenges and sharing the celebrations; feeling supported, heard, accepted, valued and empowered.

This week we want to focus on 'Taking care of our Mental wellbeing'. Here is a link from our website to support you as a family regarding '**Super Mood Movers'**.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ pshe-super-mood-

movers-wellbeing/ zpxc3j6 SPERMARS





Mon 4th April 2022 - Year 5 Alex Rider Overnight Trip. <u>NEW Wed 6th April 2022</u> - EYFS/Year 6 - Height and Weight Check.

<u>NEW Thurs 7th April 2022</u> - EYFS Superhero Dress Up Day.

<u>Fri 8th April 2022</u> - Early Closing at 1.00pm <u>Mon 11th April - Fri 22nd April 2022</u> - EASTER BREAK. <u>NEW Tues 26th April 2022</u> - Arundel Class Swimming

Lessons begin - Please see separate box for more details.

<u>Thurs 5th May 2022</u> - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Sun 8th May 2022 - Walk the Wight.

W/C Mon 9th May 2022 - Year 6 SATS.

W/C Mon 16th May 2022 - Year 2 SATS.

Fri 27th May 2022 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Week Commencing 13th June 2022 - Year 4 Multiplication Check.

<u>Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June 2022</u> - HALF TERM. Fri 17th June 2022 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

<u>Thurs 30th June - Fri 1st July 2022</u> - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

Wed 20th July 2022 - Year 5 & 6 Mayflower Trip - School of Rock.

Fri 22nd July 2022 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

<u>Mon 25th July - Mon 29th August 2022 - SUMMER</u> <u>HOLIDAYS.</u>

New dates will be added - Please check the box for $\underline{\text{NEW}}$ to see any added dates.



All children should come to school in their PE kits on their allocated day.

PE Days for each Year Group

EYFS - Monday Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 3 - Wednesday Year 4 - Thursday Year 5 - Wednesday Year 6 - Tuesday



Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit and footwear for PE lessons. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday. Please remove all earrings before your child comes to school and ensure that long hair is tied back. **Development Days**

Monday 31st August 2021

Friday 27th May 2022 Friday 17th June 2022 Friday 22nd July 2022



TRIP PAYMENT DEADLINES

We are very excited to be organising lots of school trips for our children. <u>Please see below the payment deadlines</u> for trips, if you have not yet made the deposit **payment for your child's trip please** <u>contact the office.</u>

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip - May 2022 Deposit was due by <u>Fri 19th Nov 2021</u>, and full payment was due by <u>Fri 25th March 2022.</u>

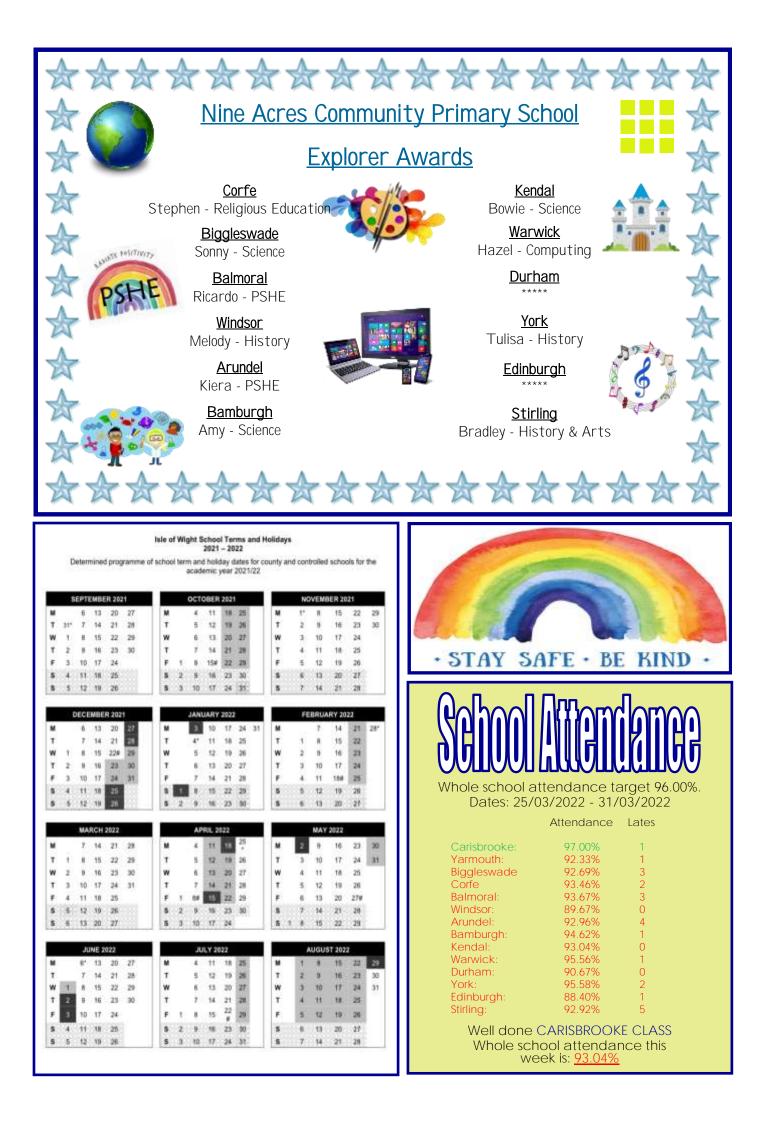
<u>Year 6 Chessington Trip - June/July 2022</u> Deposit was due by <u>Sun 31st Oct 2021</u>, with the full payment due by Fri 3rd June 2022.

<u>Year 5 & 6 Mayflower Trip - School of</u> <u>Rock - July 2022</u> - Additional payment due by <u>Fri 6th May 2022.</u>



Early Closing - Fri 8th April 2022

School will be closing early on Friday 8th April 2022. All children will leave at <u>1:00pm.</u>



EYFS Superhero Day - Thursday 7th April 2022

To celebrate their superhero theme, EYFS have planned a superhero dress up day on Thursday 7th April 2022.

The children in EYFS can come to school dressed as a superhero on this day, costumes can be homemade or

bought. Children can also make up their own superhero if they want to.



Helping Hands PTA

Asda Green Tokens!!

Thank you so much for all of the amazing Asda green tokens we have collected so far. We are over half way through the challenge and it is so close! Please can I ask everyone to keep up the amazing effort and encourage everyone we know to vote for us!! Remember, we can vote once a week on every device we have!?!?!

The cause with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second place receiving £400 and third place £300. We can vote by visiting www.asda.com/greentokens and

selecting Newport IOW from the dropdown box. Go team Nine Acres!



School Development News

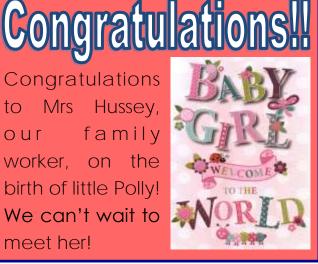
This week Bea, our school based Mental Health worker, undertook a session with our LSA team in identifying mental health concerns in children and how to support them.

SCHOOL DINNERS PRICE INCREASE



As from Monday 25th April, the price of a school dinner per day will be £2.20. The cost for a weeks dinners will be f11.00.

Congratulations to Mrs Hussey, family our worker, on the birth of little Polly! We can't wait to meet her!



Reading at Home

It is an expectation that all children in Years EYFS - Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week. Record your reading on the GO READ app.



FOODBANK VOUCHERS

We are pleased to announce that we can now provide families with vouchers to the Island's Food Banks. Many families are struggling more



than ever with rising household costs and we want to be able to support you however we can. Food Banks support many families across the country and are not just a source of food in a crisis - they can provide a listening ear and signpost you to other agencies who may be able to help if you need it. Referrals can be

made to any of the Island's Food Banks for your convenience or confidentiality. There are currently Food Banks in Newport, Freshwater, Cowes, Ryde and Shanklin. If you would like some more information or are in need of a voucher, please speak to Mr Thomas.



FREE ONLINE COURSES FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget. We have several **Free** online Level 2 CACHE/TQUK/ NCFE Accredited Courses available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Below are some of the most popular courses we offer:

- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)
- Understanding Behaviour That Challenges (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)

The qualifications are completed within an 6-week period, duration is completely dependent on each learner's ability as to how fast they complete and how many hours it takes. There are no exams, essays or end-point assessments however I would advise that these are NOT 'short courses' that will take just a few hours to complete. As these are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C, you are required to write comprehensive answers for some questions. You may do as many as you like, just one at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following...

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years

Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event that someone enrols, but then makes **no attempt to complete the course without a valid reason**. That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a genuine reason as to why they feel they won't be able to complete it within the 6 weeks.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link this week. This will then allow you to complete a quick Registration on our website. I will then contact you to explain how Enrolment works and answer any questions you may have.

COVID Test Kits

The Isle of Wight Council COVID Support Officers will be handing out free LFT test kits between 10.00am and 3.00pm on the following days:

31st March 2022, Westridge Centre, Brading Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1QS

Free LFT and PCR testing for most people will end on 31st March 2022. Care home visitors will not be able to access free tests after this time.

You can currently still order LFT test kits by calling 119 or online: <u>https://www.gov.uk/order-</u> <u>coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests</u>

#IsleOfWight #COVID19Testing #TestKits #KeepTheIslandSafe

EYFS & Year 6 - Height and Weight

<u>Checks</u>

Wednesday 6th April 2022

During the Spring term the Reception and Year 6 children are having their height and weight recorded by the School Nurses on behalf of The Local Authority Public Health, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Nationally this data is sent anonymously to the Department of Health who use the BMI (Body Mass Index) calculated from the measurements to target relevant services to specific areas of the country.

Locally this data is kept on your child's health notes and soon you will be sent a letter informing you of which range your child's BMI falls into. It is important to remember that whilst this BMI data is useful to show national trends individually it may produce some unexpected results. The BMI ranges try to account for the fact that children are constantly growing but occasionally an anomaly will occur and a child who looks to be in proportion will record a BMI outside the 'healthy range'.

If you receive a letter that puts your child into a different range to one you were expecting or you have a concern **regarding your child's growth**, **please contact the School** Nursing Team who will be happy to look at individual data and offer any support or advice.

Your School Nurse Team can be contacted on 0300 123 5224



SCHOOL UNIFORM

EYFS - Year 4

Autumn/Spring Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only) Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo Charcoal Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt Grey or White Plain Ankle Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/ Trainers

<u>Summer Term</u>

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only) Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt/Blue Summer Dress Grey or White Ankle Short Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/ Trainers

Year 5 and Year 6

Autumn/Spring Term Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo Plain White Shirt (Long or Short Sleeve) School Tie Charcoal Grey Trousers or Skirt Grey or White Ankle Short Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/ Trainers Summer Term Plain White Shirt (Short Sleeve) School Tie Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt Grey or White Plain Short Socks Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/ Trainers



PE Kit (All Years)

Lime Green Logo Polo Shirt Navy/Black Shorts Trainers White Plain Short Ankle Socks

Navy Blue or Black Tracksuit Bottoms & a Navy hooded top for Sports activities Drawstring PE Bag

UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Our Nine Acres Uniform is available from Kids and Co in Ryde. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit and sensible black school shoes.



STAFF CAR PARK

Please refrain from parking in the staff car park. This car park is for staff and agreed

visitors to the school. Parking permits for Chapel Street car park are available from the school office.





FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free **School Meals?**

To apply online please go to:

www.iow.gov.uk/council/ OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2

ParentPay is our only method of making payments.



Are you signed up to ParentPay?

We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay:

- School Dinners
- **Enrichment Clubs**
 - School Trips

Please ensure your account is activated as soon as possible.

Swimming Lessons

Year 3 swimming lessons will begin for Arundel Class on Tuesday 26th April 2022. The children will leave on the of goggles, a named towel and a plastic bag for wet items and should come to school dressed in PE kit. Children with long hair should have it tied up or wear a swimming cap.

Arundel Swimming Dates